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Remarks

Applicant requests reconsideration of the Examiner's Action dated August 27, 2003. The Examiner's Action is a rejection of all claims based on 35 U.S.C. 103, over the combination of the Lawlor and Hogan patents. The Hogan patent is not prior art to the present application. This application claims benefit of and is a divisional of application serial no. 08/889,606, filed July 8, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,956,700, which is a divisional of application serial no. 08/253,364, filed June 3, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,649,117. This application is thus entitled to a June 3, 1994 filing date. The Hogan patent was filed October 31, 1995 and issued December 16, 1997, and thus is not prior art. Applicant disagrees in other ways with the application of the cited references to the claims, but for the purposes of brevity these will not be recited here. As the Examiner's rejections all rely upon the Hogan patent which is not prior art, reversal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies the transmittal of this communication. If, however, a petition is required, please consider this paper a petition for such an extension of time, and apply the appropriate extension of time fee to Deposit Account 23-3000. If any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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